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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1894.

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Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [20]

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CHARTREY INCHBALD,
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Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

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Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893. [7]

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" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "
A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [565]

Insurances.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
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Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [435]

GENERAL NOTICE

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at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1894. [640]

NOTICE.

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MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
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payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 20th May, 1894. [640]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day CEASED TO ACT as
Attorney for Mr. D. E. SASSOON.
M. S. S. SASSOON,
Hongkong, 20th November, 1894. [1208]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR 1893.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to
send in to this Office a LIST of their
CONTRIBUTIONS OF PREMIA for the year
ending 31st December last, in order that the
proportion of PROFIT for that year to be PAID
as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.
Returns not sent in before the 30th instant will
be made up by the Company, and no subsequent
Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1894. [1138]

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SOUVENIRS.

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And at

THE STUDIO,

No. 2, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1894. [1192]

KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,

No. 4.

LAMKO LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHT

at LAMKO was EXHIBITED for the

FIRST TIME at SUNSET on the 15th

November.

The Illuminating apparatus is a two-sided

Dioptic one, of the Fourth Order, showing

white flashes at intervals of 20 seconds.

The Lighthouse stands about 255 yards to

the southward of high-water mark on LAMKO

POINT, and the LIGHT, which is elevated 634

feet above the level of the sea, should be visible

in clear weather at a distance of 134 miles in all

directions where it is not obscured by land.

The Tower is an Iron Screw Pile Structure,

55 feet high, with a total height from its base

to the lantern vanes of 674 feet.

The Tower is painted white with two red

horizontal bands; the dwellings are white.

Approximate position:—

Latitude.....20° 0' 30" N.

Longitude.....109° 43' 15" E.

CAUTION.

As there are extensive Reefs to the northward

and westward of LAMKO POINT, Vessels are

recommended to PASS the Lighthouse at a

distance of not less than TWO MILES.

C. J. PRICE,
Acting Harbour Master.

Approved: F. S. UNWIN,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House,
Klungchow, 16th November, 1894. [1198]

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"TANSAN" "TANSAN" "TANSAN"

THE NEW JAPANESE TABLE WATER.

Recommended by leading Medical Men in

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A. analytical report by ARTHUR HILL HARRALL,
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similar Spas.

"TANSAN" "TANSAN" "TANSAN"

Sole Agents for Hongkong and South China.

FLETCHER & Co.,
The Pharmacy,
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Hongkong, 10th November, 1894. [28]

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MANUFACTURED by FAREWELL,

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the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM

MR. J. SALTER AND MESSRS. SLAZENGER,

A NEW STOCK OF THEIR FAMOUS MAKES OF

TENNIS BATS,

IN A VARIETY OF WEIGHTS AND SHAPES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [6]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,

Hongkong, 11th December, 1894. [41]

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Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
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COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

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An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

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W. BREWER,
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Hongkong, 7th November, 1894. [675]

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ROOMS TO LET on 2ND and 3RD FLOORS, FURNISHED & UNFURNISHED.

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1894. [289]

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Hongkong, 16th July, 1894. [116]

Masonic.

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HONGKONG, No. 218, S.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above
CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMAS-
ONS' HALL, Zealand Street, TO-MORROW,
the 23rd instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Companions are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 19th November, 1894. [1206]

VICTORIA CHAPTER,

No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the
above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMAS-
ONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the
25th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Companions are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 19th November, 1894. [1182]

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A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL,
Zealand Street, on WEDNESDAY, the
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Hongkong, 19th November, 1894. [1203]

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diameter, with LLOYD'S TEST. The whole or
part of it.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1894. [1202]

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is for SALE at a reasonable price, owing to the
Proprietor being about to retire from business.
It contains TWO BARS—One Public and the
other Private—also ONE BILLIARD TABLE
and Fittings as well as FIVE ROOMS, STOCK
of LIQUORS, FIXTURES, and an excellent
SELF TRANSPOSING PIANO, by GEORGE
RUSSELL.

For particulars, &c.,

Apply to the PROPRIETOR,

Western Hotel.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1894. [1196]

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,

WINE and SPIRIT

MERCHANTS,

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, LONDON AND

GLASGOW.

15, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 24th August, 1894. [907]

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ORDERS respectfully solicited by the Under-

signed.

MITSUJI BUREAU KAISHA,

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Hongkong, 3rd January, 1894. [644]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Firm of DANBY, LEIGH and
ORANGE, having DISSOLVED PART-
NERSHIP, I shall continue to carry on the
Business of a CIVIL ENGINEER, ARCHI-
TECT and SURVEYOR, at No. 2, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL—the Premises lately in the
occupation of the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE Co.
WM. DANBY,
M. Inst. C.E.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1894. [1193]

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned hereby given Notice
that OUR PARTNERSHIP with
Mr. W. DANBY

has been DISSOLVED by Mutual Consent,
and that we will continue to carry on the Business
as CIVIL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS and
SURVEYORS at our present Offices, in the
Name of

LEIGH & ORANGE.

All Communications with reference to the

Business of the late Firm of DANBY, LEIGH &
ORANGE are to be sent to us.

R. K. LEIGH,
J. ORANGE.

spoke Russian, Chinese, and Japanese. He was formerly on one of the Government rice transports as a kind of secretary, but a short time ago was promoted to be Vice-President of the Council of State. He was intensely pro-Japanese and being very clever, was the one man most feared by the conservative element in the Council. On the night of the assassination he was with three of his friends sitting in his room when a stranger announced himself and, after a little desultory talking, called out to a supposed servant who he said had brought a letter. Instead of the servant a number of men rushed in and killed him with one of his guests, a third one being wounded in the face. The head, hands and feet of the man were then cut off. After four days the Government issued an order commanding the authorities to hunt up the murderer. It is a significant fact that the murder occurred two days after the Japanese army left Seoul, and that it was four days after that an order was issued by the Government. The Government are not very trustworthy allies of the Japanese. The question is what action the Japanese will take in the matter.

One of the first bodies of Korean soldiers, consisting of about 400 men, who were given rifles and 40 rounds of ammunition each by the Japanese and sent to disperse the Tonghaks, have given all their arms and ammunition to the people whom they were sent to disperse and joined them. The Japanese who went down afterwards have marched as far as Chongchong Province, where they found only a few peaceful tillers of the soil who know absolutely nothing about the Tonghaks. A rumor has reached Chemulpo, however, that the Japanese are surrounded by a number of Tonghaks, but I cannot vouch for the truth of it. News has just reached here of the death of seven Japanese by the Tonghaks. Three Japanese were interpreters (?) and four were merchants or supposed to be merchants, although I must add that so-called merchants before the war were travelling over Korea and "spying out the land." News has also reached us that 80 of the Korean soldiers who were sent down south with the Japanese have been seized by the Tonghaks and burned alive.

An order has just been issued by the Government—it is necessary to say at whose request—ordering all persons to drop Kwangyo which has been in use ever since Korea has been a vassal of China. The Japanese have been re-embarking troops during the last week, over 7,000 soldiers, 700 coolies, and 2,300 horses having re-embarked. This leaves a very small force in Korea. The Japanese Consul has put up the following notice: "By telegram, 3rd November, our soldiers have been re-embarked, and we intend to march on to Hailan."

The Tonghaks have issued two notices which read as follows:—
"The Assassination of Tonghaks herewith inscribed. Our teacher said assist the nation and make the people peaceful; you must deliberate when it will be necessary to do this. The time has now arrived. The King is a prisoner and the reigning military have ousted with others (the Japanese). The dynasty having lasted for 500 years, the King is now dead. (This refers to a prophecy that the dynasty would come to an end after 500 years.) We therefore in great trouble pray that superior men may arise that we may follow that which is just and right. We therefore together grasp the banner of justice, and have resolved to at once die fighting (the Japanese) and thus bring the nation out of its peril. May unmeasured fortune attend us!"

"We will not discuss our duties or those who do not agree with us. Those who join our righteous cause should seize horses and guns, and although our bodies should be destroyed, we do it in punishing crime. (This is calling on all people to join in them whether they wish to join the religion of the Tonghaks or not.)"

"On the 7th day of the 9th month the Government sent the Vice-President of the Council of State, with the following message: 'You have inherited virtue by the acts of the former Kings and it is you alone who have not forgotten these virtues but have until now retained them. The officers of the Government have all united with those people (the Japanese). Amongst all the officers of the Government there are none with whom the King can discuss affairs of State, and he is therefore solitary and lonely. He looks up to Heaven and weeps. Now this thief Japanese have seized the Palace and calamity has fallen on the dynasty and there is peril night and morning. If you do not come to succour us how will we be able to endure? We therefore send you this.'"

The Tonghaks are gaining in strength daily in the south. About a fortnight ago they had entered this province, but the force of Japanese which were sent against them compelled them to return to the province of Chongchong. The Japanese and Koreans followed them into this province, and a rumor has just reached Chemulpo that the Korean soldiers have refused to fight the Tonghaks. At all events the Tonghaks who were supposed to have been "dispersed by the Japanese" have been very active during the last few days in the districts through which the Japanese passed. The magistrate of Yashan, where it will be remembered a pro-Japanese official was sent after the battle, and the prefects of Haimi and Syusan have been killed by the Tonghaks and another magistrate has been carried off as prisoner. In the neighbourhood of the Japanese troops everything is very quiet, but as soon as the soldiers leave everything goes on as before.

NINGPO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
NINGPO, November 13th.
The business houses have remembered the anniversary of the Empress Dowager's birthday to their usual characteristic quiet way, and join in the universal regret that mentions of great changes in the empire should mingle with congratulations to her Highness.

Inland we hear of disorder and pillage, but for some time it has kept in the distance. Those who ought to know assure us that there is nothing to fear from the elements of quiet and order in our immediate district. Our two Consuls are both wide awake, and should the interests of the community require conserving we are in good hands. Nothing will be left undone to secure all the safety desirable.

Industry hath her triumphs as well as war. North of Ningpo, a large chimney is becoming almost as conspicuous as the city pagoda. Powerful machinery is being erected, and hopes are entertained of the New Cotton Mill being finished in a few months' time. The Taotai has by one sweeping order closed all the houses of ill-fame in the Settlement and threatens to confiscate any property that gives refuge to any questionable characters. We wonder how long the order will be effective.

The steamers are still anchored outside of Chibhal. The office here is doing its best to meet the necessities of the case. A steam-launch is plying between the city and the steamer, which is a great advantage and a decided improvement on the junk.

Despite the disturbing and disorganizing effects of the war in other parts of the Empire, there are evidences of progress here. Mr. Playfair, H.M. Consul, has introduced needed improvements in our post office here, for which he has the warm thanks of the community.

The Rev. Baring Gould, one of the General Secretaries of the C. M. S., is expected here this week; preparations are being made to give him all the information possible, so that he may return to his official duties with full knowledge of the work he is so deeply interested in. How long will it be ere other societies follow the same sensible course of procedure?—*N. C. Daily News.*

TIENTSIN NOTES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, November 8th.
Mr. G. Detring returned from Peking last evening without having had an audience, except with the officials of the Taung-I Yamén.

Mr. von Hanneken remains behind endeavoring, so say his friends, to be appointed in charge of the Army, for which purpose he is to have four million taels—two millions at once and two later on. We propose with this army to drive back the Japanese. What experience has he had to enable him to guarantee that he can lead the Chinese to victory? He may be a good engineer, but is without the experience needed for this, as he does not know their weak points.

November 9th.
On the arrival of the steamer *Tien* last trip, she brought a shipment of arms, which appear to be very antiquated and to be more dangerous to the user than the enemy. The Japanese, by allowing these shipments, save themselves the trouble of killing many troops, as they are undoubtedly dangerous weapons for those using them.

Mr. von Hanneken returned from Peking at noon to-day, without a yellow jacket or a commission. He has a couple of censors working for him, but the number working against him is still greater, and I fear his is a lost cause.

Many rumors are about here about Port Arthur, which is evidently in a bad state, as the Japanese are in possession of Foo-chow and Kinkow and have thus cut off all communication, while they have the fresh-water supply in their hands. This insures the capture of this fortress with little loss to the invaders by the time the roads are frozen and in good condition for marching.

This delay will permit the First Division to reach Kingyuen without difficulty. Then Shan-hai-kuan can be attacked both by land and sea, and which the First Division can march by road to Tien-hu-shan and Chihai. The Second Division can march by Piyang and Taku, and the Third Division will, in all probability, land in Loong-kow, or Tai-ping at the mouth of the Yellow River, extending to Chefoo and Wei-hai-wai. The Fourth Division, landing at the same place, can march north, meeting the other divisions at Tien-chow, and thus Japan will keep open her communications and be able to receive her supplies, as did France and England in 1860.

It is becoming daily clearer that China has been ill-advised by people who were incompetent in military matters. China, had she been prepared, could utterly defy Japan, and certainly drive her from her own shores at least. Now she is like a ship without a rudder, driven from side to side by each succeeding waves.

November 10th.
This morning five vessels of the Peiyang Squadron arrived at Taku from Port Arthur. Admiral Ting came up by the afternoon train and is now with the Viceroy. I hear he is receiving his final orders, and is to take Von Hanneken with him.

From there I learn that Port Arthur is not yet taken, and the report of the Japanese victories at Takuwan are becoming more moderate. This looks as though the Japanese were not as successful as they claim. If the report of the Japanese having recrossed the Yalu be true, the position of the Japanese on Liaotung becomes critical. The Japanese between Peking and Li Hung-chang are becoming critical, but I cannot as yet inform you as to the ultimate outcome.

The troops from Nanking have arrived and are encamped near the Railway Station. They look a fine body of troops and say they are anxious for the fray.

November 12th.
Yesterday Admiral Ting left here for Taku, from what I can gather "Admiral" von Hanneken did not accompany him. This morning the Peiyang Squadron, which had been lying outside the Taku Bay, left to look after the way. Since Mr. G. Detring's return from Peking, I am informed that his daily visits to Viceroy Li have been discontinued, as well as his visits to that hater of foreigners, Sheng Tao-tai. People are anxiously inquiring why these visits have terminated. Some maintain that his "nose has been put out of joint" by Herr von Hanneken, who never neglects to pay his daily obsequiousness to the Chinese "Bismarck." This gentleman is generally accompanied by Mr. H. Mandl & Co.

I notice that the name of "H. Mandl & Co." ornaments the general office gate of the C. M. S. N. C. in this place. This well-known firm's name was posted there on Saturday last. Some people are cruel enough to state that it has only been turned over to this firm *pro tem*, whilst others declare it is a *bona fide* purchase. Others say they have recently leased the premises whilst they are running the steamer.

It is whispered that Mr. H. Mandl succeeded in getting a quantity of rifles detained at Singapore that were shipped in the *Bayern* to Messrs. Louis, Spetzel & Co.; and that the latter firm played a game of "diamond cut diamond," and succeeded in getting detained in Hongkong a quantity of sulphur shipped aboard the *Bayern* by the *Bayern*. But there are so many reports of this kind circulated around this place that one hardly knows what to believe. For China's sake let us hope that neither reports are true, for she sadly needs both rifles and explosive materials.

It is reported here to-day in official circles that the Japanese have succeeded in surrounding Port Arthur, but as the news comes from Chefoo and Taku it is not credited.

Mr. N. R. O'Connor is expected to arrive here on the 14th from Peking. No particular reason is given for his leaving the capital, but I expect he is on his way to Chefoo once more.

On account of the great demand for furs by the Japanese, prices have gone up considerably, and the market is almost bare of goat and sheep skin rugs. This too, is the case when rug sheep come from Mongolia. Sheep-skin rugs which in August and September were Tls. 0.75 each can now be sold at Tls. 1.25 and 1.50. Goat-skin rugs that were selling at Tls. 0.75 to Tls. 0.85 are now worth Tls. 1.05 to Tls. 1.25. Prices for camels' and sheep's wool are lower, and a large business is being done; business in shawls is also very brisk, as this commodity has increased in value some 15 to 20 per cent. Large supplies of imports continue to arrive, and are lower in price than that ruling last month.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Half Mexico's population are Indians. Constantinople has the oldest cannons. The earth is thirty-two times larger than the moon. Ribbons came into use in Europe during the crusades. Drowning was once a punishment for crime in Scotland.

Indians comprise about one half of Mexico's population. Duplex telegraphy was first accomplished by Gluit in 1853. A rapid firing gun recently tested fired 900 shots a minute. There were but three steamboats on the lakes sixty years ago. Jupiter, the largest planet, is eleven times the size of the earth. A man five feet and a half in height should weigh 144 pounds. The strength of a whale has been calculated at 140 horse-power. The first lighthouse was built at Alexandria, in Egypt, 283 B.C. The manuscript of the Old Testament was completed 430 B.C. The *Itala* of the Italian Navy is the largest war-ship in the world. The name "Brazil" means "red wood" or "land of the redwood." Crusus erected a statue of gold to his baker in memory of his talents. The principles of rainfall were first correctly set forth by Dalton in 1787. Capitalism or poll tax is believed to have been the earliest form of taxation. Cotton cloth is mentioned by Herodotus, B.C. 400, as being made in India. At Bombay 24 inches of rain have fallen in a day; at Genoa, 30; at Gibraltar, 33. The population of New York State is greater than the entire population of Canada. Queen Elizabeth, in 1560, was the first woman in England to wear curled silk stockings. The total value of the United States increased from 4,600,000 in 1860 to 12,000,000 in 1892. All the glaciers in the Alps would equal one of the largest in our Territory of Alaska. The present year will have fifty-three Sundays, beginning and ending on that day of the week. On the west coast of Africa the taxes imposed by the petty kings are payable in palm oil and ivory. The smallest races are the Esquimaux and certain dwarfs in Africa; the largest, the Patagonians. It is computed that the death rate of the world is sixty-seven a minute and the birth rate seventy a minute. Second Street, Philadelphia, is fifteen miles long. The length of one street in London is over thirty miles. The chances of a person being killed in a twenty-four mile railroad ride are said to be but one in 1,401,910. The Revolutionary War cost America \$132,103,703, and the next war with the British cost \$107,159,503. The largest camera in the world is the one attached to the Lick telescope. It carries a plate twenty inches square. In the year 760 A.D., Pope Paul I. sent the only clock in the known world as a present to Pepin, King of France. Hammerfest, Norway, is the northernmost town, and Punta Arenas, Chile, is the most southerly town in the world. The area of the Mississippi Valley is estimated at 1,244,000 square miles. The average annual rainfall on its surface is 42 inches. Nearly two-thirds of all the letters carried by the postal service of the world are written, sent to and read by English-speaking people. The custom of bottling tears is peculiar to the people of Persia. There it constitutes an important part of the occupations of the dead. The piles which served as the foundation for Trajan's bridge over the Danube A.D. 105, are said to be still visible at low stages of water. Christmas day in Torres, Finland, is less than three hours long. At Wardburg, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21st to July 22nd. In case of the death of both the President and Vice-President of the United States the Secretary of State performs the duties of Chief Executive. The report of the Minister to Japan states that in India alone there are 100,000 lepers; in Japan, 200,000, and in China probably 300,000. The greatest depth of the Atlantic Ocean is said to be 27,666 feet; of the Pacific, 30,000; Indian, 18,584; Southern, 25,200; Arctic, 9,000. The smallest looms pierced by modern machinery are 1-1000th of an inch in diameter. They are bored through sapphires, rubies and diamonds. Pamphlets owe their name to Pamphila, a Greek lady, who left behind her a number of scrap-books containing notes, receipts, anecdotes and memoranda. A representation of the bagpipe was found in the ruins of Tarant. The instrument was in use 2,000 years before the Christian Era and its origin is unknown. The building with the greatest altitude in the Alps is the Club-house on Mount Rosa. Its foundation stones are exactly 12,000 feet above the sea level. It is estimated by a statistician with a penchant for the odd that all the people that have died since Adam's day could be buried in a cemetery 100,000 miles square. The number of slaves exported from Africa during the Eighteenth Century is calculated at 6,000,000. In 1848 nearly 100,000 were shipped from the West Coast alone. The last census shows that there are 3,000,000 bachelors in the United States—by which is meant there are 3,000,000 men over thirty years of age who have never been married. In Finland and East Turkestan thunderstorms are wholly unknown. They are so rare in California that the average child ten years of age does not know the sound of thunder. The expression "in the top" is said to have originated in Paris over a century ago. When a prisoner was guillotined the gamblers were wont to cry, "He has reached the end of his rope." The Greeks and Persians observe Tuesday as the Sabbath; the Assyrians, Wednesday; the Egyptians, Thursday; the Turks, Friday; the Hebrews, Saturday; and the Christians, Sunday. The aerial space within the limits of our vision is calculated to have a diameter of 400,000,000 miles and a circumference of 1,256,637,000 miles. And this is only a fragment of the immensity of space. Texas is a big and still a roomy State. Of its nearly 250 counties twenty-six have less than 100 inhabitants; eighty-seven others have less than 1,000, and only eighty-one have over 10,000. The number having as few as 5,000 is large, and having as many as 20,000 is extremely small. The army of Mexico has always been greatly overestimated by historians. Commonly computed at 500,000, the best evidence goes to show that, camp followers and all, it did not exceed 100,000. His "thousands of ships" numbered only 1,200 to begin with, and of these 400 were lost in a storm, so that he reached the coast to Greece with about 800.

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites, for *Rickets, Marasmus* and all wasting disorders of the system, is very wonderful. Read the following:—"I have tried 'Scott's Emulsion' in cases of wasting in young children, and I am of opinion that it is a valuable preparation for such cases. The children take it and ask for more, and the good effects are apparent. I consider it far superior to ordinary Cod Liver Oil."—MARSHALL, M.R.C.S., 40, GERRARD ROAD, BARNES, S.W. Any Chemist can supply it.—Sole Agent for Hongkong and the Empire of China—Chan A Fook, at Watson & Co., Hongkong.—(Advt.)

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LOOK OUT FOR THE ALDEAN FAMILY. BOX PLAN AT KELLY & WALSH'S, where Seats can be reserved.

ROBERT LOVE, General Agent, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1199]

VICTORIA LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1026.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zeland Street, THIS EVENING, the 22nd instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1207]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY. THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA," Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 1 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1216]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"BENVENUE," Captain H. W. Thomson, will be despatched for the above on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1214]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. S. & S. "RADNORSIRE," FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to sale.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 29th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1218]

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TUESDAY, the 27th November, 1894, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALE ROOMS, Queen's Road, AN INVOICE OF JAPANESE WARE, Consisting of—

SATSUMA, KOTO, AKIMA, HIRADO, AWATA & VINTAGE VASES, JARS, PLATES, KITCHEN'S, BURNERS, TEA AND COFFEY, SETS.

GOLD AND SILVER INLAID BRONZES, ENAMELLED WARE, PANELS, EMBROIDERED, KIMONOES, AND CUSHION COVERS, LACQUERED SCREENS, BLACK WOOD CARVED FIRE SCREENS.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1220]

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTH and LAST GYMKHANA of the SEASON will take place at the HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY NEXT, the 24th instant.

First Race at 3 o'clock sharp. PROGRAMMES may be obtained at the HONGKONG CLUB and on the Course.

W. H. E. MURRAY, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1220]

BULL PUPS. FOR SALE.

A NUMBER of well-bred ENGLISH BULL PUPS are for SALE.

Apply to D. KENNEDY, Causeway Bay, Hongkong, 22nd November, 1894. [1217]

TO JOURNALISTS.

AN EXPERIENCED and CAPABLE JOURNALIST is wanted for the staff of the *Hongkong Telegraph*. Liberal terms to a competent man; no other need apply.

Full particulars as to experience, capacity, and terms to be sent to R. FRASER-SMITH, Editor & Proprietor, Hongkong, 7th September, 1894.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CANTON BLACKWOOD GOODS, CLOCKS, PICTURES, &c.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY, the 24th November, 1894, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, (For *Sundry Accounts*), QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Comprising:—DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in OLD GOLD PLUSH, ONE TAPESTRY and PLUSH DINING, ONE FINELY CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD CURIOSITY, BLACKWOOD MARBLE TOP TABLES, ROUND TABLES, TEA TABLES, WRITING TABLES, CABINETS, MANTEL CLOCKS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS, VASES, BOOKS, BOOKCASES, Several New CARPETS, RUGS, FENDERS, &c., &c.

SIDEBOARDS with MIRROR, Large EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINING WAGGONS, DINER & DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASS WARE, CUTLERY, TABLE LINEN, PANTRY REQUISITES, Several DOUBLE IRON BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, WIRE MATTRESSES, &c., MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DRESSING TABLES, SINGLE & DOUBLE TEAK WARDROBES, PLAIN and with BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, SUNDRY BED-ROOM FURNITURE, BATH-ROOM REQUISITES, ONE LARGE COOKING STOVE, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On View from Friday, the 23rd November. TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 21st November, 1894. [1215]

TO BE SOLD AT NAGASAKI, BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON SATURDAY, the 24th November, 1894, AT 11 A.M.

The Iron 4-masted Barque "DRUMELTAN," 1,008 Tons register, as she now lies in the harbour of NAGASAKI.

For further particulars, apply to CAPTAIN MCLELLAN, c/o Messrs. HOLLAND, RIMMER & Co., Nagasaki.

GILMAN & Co., Lloyd's Agents, Hongkong, 14th November, 1894. [1213]

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TO LET. DWELLING HOUSES:—"BANGOUR" MOUNT KELLET—(FURNISHED). "HIGHCLERE," at MAGARINE GAP. No. 1, RIPLEY TERRACE. No. 5, OLD BAILEY. A HOUSE in WEST END TERRACE, BONTIAN ROAD. FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS. FLOORS in ELGIN STREET, PEEL STREET and STATION STREET. FLOORS in No. 5, SHELLEY STREET.

GODOWNS—BLUE BUILDINGS. No. 74, PRAYA CENTRAL. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd. Hongkong, 9th November, 1894. [121]

TO LET. NO. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE. GODOWNS in WANCHAI at the back of MCGOWAN'S BARRACKS. No. 3, MOUNT GOUGH, FURNISHED, with Immediate Possession till middle of April, 1895. DAVID BASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 15th November, 1894. [122]

TO LET. AT MOUNT KELLETT, PEAK, House No. "DE VIGOR VILLAS." ROOMS in "DIACONSFIELD ARCADE," QUEEN'S ROAD. OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, "MARINE HOUSE," QUEEN'S ROAD. HOUSE No. 6, ICE HOUSE STREET, lately occupied by Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. HOUSE No. 7, "BRILLIANT TERRACE," ROBINSON ROAD. HOUSE No. 3, DUNDRELL STREET, now in occupation of Messrs. EDWARD, SCHREIBER & Co. GODOWNS in DUNDRELL STREET. Apply to BELLIOS & Co. Hongkong, 19th November, 1894. [1204]

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Hongkong, 13th August, 1894. [643]

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